

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

January 18, 2005
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Robert Maki, Surprise | Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale |
| Reed Henry, ADOT | *Marc Scott, City of Tempe |
| *Martin Johnson, Chandler | Kelly LaRosa, City of Peoria |
| *Bruce Ward, Gilbert | *Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown |
| Sandy Adams for Michael Munroe, Glendale | *Mary Kihl, ASU |
| *Shane Kiesow for Doug Dobson, Apache Junction | Jennifer Brown, FHWA |
| *Chris Plumb, Maricopa County | Teri Collins, RPTA |
| Larry Talley for Alan Sanderson, Mesa | Iven Wooten, DPS |
| *William Mead, Paradise Valley | David Cowley, AAA Arizona |
| Scott Nodes, City of Goodyear | Imelda Cuyugan, GOHS |
| Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix | Tom Birch, AARP |
| | Punya P. Khanal for Carnell Thurman, City of Avondale |

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarath Joshua, MAG
Kiran Guntupalli, MAG

* Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order
Chairman Robert Maki called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.
2. Approval of November 16, 2004, Meeting Minutes
A comment was made on the need to reformat the long paragraph describing minutes on item number 7. Scott Nodes moved to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Imelda Cuyugan seconded and it passed unanimously.
3. Call to Audience
Chairman Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Traffic Safety Committee. There were no comments from the public.
4. Program Managers Report

The following is a summary of the report provided by Program Manager, Sarath Joshua:

- Safety News from the Transportation Research Board annual meeting in Washington D.C., held in January. Chairman Maki commented that both MAG and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) are taking steps to integrate safety in the planning process. Safety Conscious Planning involving a proactive approach to addressing safety is being promoted at the national level.
- Proposed safety projects for the next year:
 - Finalize the Safety Action Plan (by committee and MAG staff)
 - Launch a project to develop the Regional Transportation Safety Management System (consultant project, funded by ADOT at \$350,000)
 - Launch a joint project with Elder Mobility Stakeholders on 10-Year Strategic Plan for a more elder friendly regional transportation system (a proposed project)
- Governors Office of Highway Safety is planning to have a special Safety Event at the legislature on February 4, 2005.
- The next meeting on March 17, 2005, will be a joint one with the MAG Elder Mobility Stakeholders

5. Review of the Safety Action Plan and Next Steps

The current draft of the Safety Action Plan was reviewed and the following comments received. Chairman Maki stated that some statistics on crashes in the region ought to be included in the introduction. Jennifer Brown noted that this Action Plan needs to be coordinated with the Arizona's Statewide Transportation Safety Plan

The Safety Action Plan dealt with safety issues by classifying them under three broad areas:

- Roadway Safety – dealt with safety on freeways, arterial streets and intersections
- Education, Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services
- Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit Safety

Chairman Robert Maki called on committee members to volunteer as leaders to help finalize the three main areas of the Action Plan. The Roadway Safety area was assigned to Kerry Wilcoxon. Sandy Adams agreed to help finalize the section on Education, Enforcement and EMS. Kelly La Rosa agreed to lead the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit section of the Action Plan.

6. Light Rail Transit System and Safety

The MetroRail staff person assigned to provide this briefing has been reassigned recently. This item was tabled to be heard at a future meeting.

7. Meeting on Road Safety Audits

On January 4, 2005, a meeting on Road Safety Audits was held at the Phoenix office of Federal Highway Administration. Jennifer Brown reported on this meeting. Luisa Ward of FHWA had presented the benefits of conducting Road Safety Audits. The technical report NCHRP 336 contained a useful summary of this subject. Jennifer Brown agreed to make an electronic copy of this report available to everyone.

8. Status Reports by Committee Members

Jennifer Brown reported on an NHI training course on ITS and Safety to be held on February 23rd and 24th. Terri Collins reported that RPTA Board is about to launch a project on an Assessment of Threats and Vulnerabilities. Tom Birch reported on AARP's 55 Alive training program that had graduated 18,000 individuals through 940 classes. He stated that Arizona ranks 8th nationally for the number of people trained. AARP has also started a program on driver safety in the Navajo Nation for the first time. AARP plans to introduce legislation to require this training. The program has been piloted in Delaware and Maryland. It involves a 4-hour course plus follow-up. AARP plans to launch a computer-based training course by June or July that would cost \$20.

Punya Khanal stated that protected left turn phasing and lanes are being introduced in Avondale. City police have also commenced increased enforcement and community activities to reduce speeding. David Cowley reported on the Roadwise Review program launched by AAA. It is a computer-based review that takes about 90 minutes. AAA is selling the program at a cost of \$3.50. Colonel Iven Wooten of DPS reported that safety problems continue on Loop 101. DPS will be starting a program of special enforcement from Chapparral to Loop 202. Sandy Adams reported on a program in Glendale called "Bus Buddies" involving field trips. Long wait times for dial-a-ride is a challenge. She also announced a Safe Routes to School training course with applications due on February 11th. They plan to hold two one-day courses with 30-40 persons trained on each day.

Kerry Wilcoxon reported that the bike helmet ordinance was moving ahead. City of Phoenix will also be doing the annual pedestrian safety review identifying high pedestrian crash locations. The report will be released in March. Imelda Cuyugan reported on the upcoming Traffic Safety Event. She also reported on the Red Badge Program. Motor Vehicle Division will be the distribution point for this program statewide. She also stated that the Primary Seat Belt Law is once again at the legislature seeking approval.

Paul Porell reported that Scottsdale plans to expand photo enforcement to a segment Loop 101 freeway. An ADOT research project being carried by a research team from NAU is investigating this topic. Phase 1 of this project will investigate available technologies for photo enforcement on freeways and success stories. Phase 2 will identify feasible photo enforcement application and define a pilot project. Phase 1 will be completed by March or April 2005. A decision by ADOT management on the pilot program will be required before implementation.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting in March will be a joint one with Elder Mobility Stakeholders. It was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday March 18th 2005.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Robert Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM